

**NATIONAL POLICIES**

**A. COMPENSATION - LOCAL CARRIERS ARE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR CALLS TERMINATED OVER THEIR NETWORKS.**

**Application of Policy: Messaging Carriers Are Entitled To Compensation Regardless Of Fact That Messaging Carriers Do Not Terminate Traffic At Present Over LEC Networks.**

**B. CONSISTENCY - PAYMENT BETWEEN CO-CARRIERS SHOULD BE BASED ON DIRECTIONALITY. IF CARRIER ONLY RECEIVES (TERMINATES) TRAFFIC, IT SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR FACILITY.**

**Application of Policy: Messaging Carrier Should Not Be Required To Pay For Inter-Carrier Facility Between LEC And MTSO. If Messaging Carrier Uses Facility To Originate As Well, Payment Based On Proportionality Of Directional Use.**

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**C. COMPENSATION TO CO-CARRIERS SHOULD PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN COMPETITION**

- ◆ **UNEQUAL TREATMENT HARMS MESSAGING CARRIERS THAT USED NOT TO OFFER TWO-WAY INTERACTIVE SERVICES**
- ◆ **UNEQUAL TREATMENT WOULD FORCE OTHERWISE UNECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS**
  - ◇ **MESSAGING CARRIER RELATIONSHIP w/CLEC**
  - ◇ **MESSAGING CARRIER RELATIONSHIP w/CELLULAR CARRIER**
  - ◇ **MESSAGING CARRIER RELATIONSHIP w/INDIVIDUALS**

**Application of Policy: Require LECs to compensate all wireless carriers for all traffic terminated on wireless facilities - no distinction based on one-way nature of traffic**

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### **D. COMPENSATION POLICY RE LECs SHOULD ALSO PROMOTE COMPETITION**

- 1. ALL LECs MUST OFFER TRUE END OFFICE INTERCONNECTION AT REASONABLE COST-BASED RATES, WITHOUT SUBSIDIES**
- 2. CHARGES FOR END OFFICE "NUMBERS" MUST BE COST BASED. THERE MUST BE NO LEC CHARGES FOR NXX CODES. (Any charges, assessed fairly to all carriers by third party Administrator).**
- 3. ALL CARRIERS ENTITLED TO ALL SIGNALING ARRANGEMENTS. MESSAGING CARRIERS ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE SS7.**

## **MYTH TO DEBUNK**

**ALLEGATION: TRAFFIC MUST FLOW IN BOTH  
DIRECTIONS (MUTUALITY OF TRAFFIC) IN  
ORDER FOR ENTITLEMENT TO  
COMPENSATION (Conn. DPU; SNET)**

**RESPONSE: MESSAGING CARRIER INCURS  
COSTS FOR TERMINATING TRAFFIC; THE  
FACT THAT IT DOES NOT ORIGINATE  
TRAFFIC HAS NO BEARING UPON THE FACT  
THAT COSTS ARE INCURRED**

## **MYTH TO DEBUNK**

**ALLEGATION: STATES NEED BROAD JURISDICTION  
OVER WIRELESS CARRIERS IN ORDER FOR THOSE  
CARRIERS TO BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION (Conn.  
DPU)**

**RESPONSE: STATE JURISDICTION IRRELEVANT TO  
ENTITLEMENT TO COMPENSATION**

## **MYTH TO DEBUNK**

**ALLEGATION: MESSAGING CARRIERS ARE  
CUSTOMERS, NOT CARRIERS (e.g. NYNEX  
argument that messaging carriers have  
private-non-interconnected networks, using  
two-call topography)**

**RESPONSE: MESSAGING CARRIERS ARE  
CO-CARRIERS;  
MESSAGING CARRIERS ARE  
INTERCONNECTED**